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CHAPTER 1

(The geneology of Jesus Christ)

1. The book of the geneology of Jesus Christ, the descendant of David, the descendant of Abraham.

2. Abraham was the father of Isaac; Isaac was the father of Jacob; and Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.

3. Judah was the father of Phares and Zarah who were born to him from Tamar; and Phares was the father of Hesron; and Hesron was the father of Aram.

4. Aram was the father of Aminadab; and Aminadab was the father of Nashon; and Nashon was the father of Salmon.

5. Salmon was the father of Boaz who was born to him from Rahab; Boaz was the father of Obed who was born to him from Ruth; and Obed was the father of Jesse.

6. Jesse was the father of David, the King; and David, the King, was the father of Solomon who was born to him from her who had been the wife of Uriah.

7. Solomon was the father of Rehoboam; and Rehoboam was the father of Abijah; and Abijah was the father of Asa.

8. Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat; and Jehoshaphat was the father of Joram; and Joram was the father of Uzziah.

9. Uzziah was the father of Jotham; and Jotham was the father of Ahaz; and Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah.

10. Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh; and Manasseh was the father of Amon; and Amon was the father of Josiah.

11. Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the removal to Babylon.

12. After they were removed to Babylon, Jechoniah became the father of Salathiel; and Salathiel became the father of Zerubbabel.

13. Zerubbabel became the father of Abiud; and Abiud became the father of Eliakim; and Eliakim became the father of Azor.

14. Azor became the father of Sadoc; and Sadoc became the father of Achim; and Achim became the father of Eliud.

15. Eliud became the father of Eleazor; and Eleazor became the father of Matthan; and Matthan became the father of Jacob.

16. Jacob became the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, The Christ.

17. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations; and from David to the removal to Babylon were fourteen generations; and from the removal to Babylon to The Christ were fourteen generations.

1 . (The birth of Jesus, The Christ)

18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was in this manner: after His mother, Mary, was engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child engendered of the Holy Spirit.

19. But Joseph, her husband, being a just man and not desiring to make a public example of her, decided to divorce her privately.

20. But while he was considering these things behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife for that which is conceived in her is engendered of the Holy Spirit.

21. She shall bring forth a son and you must name Him Jesus. He is the One Who shall save His people from their sins.

22. Now these things happened in this manner in order to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord thru the prophet who said,

23. "BEHOLD A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON AND THEY WILL CALL HIS NAME, 'EMMANUEL'"

(A name which means, 'God with us')

24. When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of God directed him, and took her as his wife, but did not cohabit with her until she had brought forth a son which he named, Jesus.

CHAPTER 2

(The visit of the Magi)

1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod, the King, behold, there came men called, Magi, from the East country to Jerusalem,

2. Asking, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? We have seen His star rising in the East country, and have come to worship Him.

3. When Herod, the King, heard of these men he was troubled, as were all of the people of Jerusalem.

4. And he gathered together all the chief priests and scribes of the people and inquired anxiously of them where the Christ was to be born.

5. Their answer was: At Bethlehem in Judea, for the prophet has written,

6. "AND THOU, O BETHLEHEM, IN THE LAND OF JUDAH, ART NOT THE LEAST AMONG THE CITIES OF JUDAH, FOR OUT OF THEE SHALL COME A GOVERNOR THAT SHALL RULE MY PEOPLE, ISRAEL".

7. Then Herod secretly summoned the Magi and inquired of them carefully what time the star appeared in the East country.

8. Then he sent them to Bethlehem with this command: Go and search carefully for the young child and when you have found Him, bring me word again that I also may come and worship Him.

9. When they had received these orders, they departed and lo, the star which they had seen rising in the East country appeared and went before them till it came and stopped over the place where the Young child was.

10. When they saw the star stop, they were so happy they were completely carried away with joy.

11. And they went into the house and saw the Young child with Mary, His mother, and they fell down before Him and worshipped Him. After that they opened treasures and presented to Him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12. And being warned of God in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their East country by another way.

(The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt)

13. Now, after they had departed, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arouse from sleep and take the Young child and His mother and flee into Egypt, and remain there until I bring you further word, for Herod is now seeking the Young child to destroy Him.

14. Then he awoke and took the Young child and His mother by night and passed over into Egypt.

15. And he remained there until the death of Herod that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

"OUT OF EGYPT HAVE I CALLED MY SON".

(Herod's slaughter of innocent children.)

16. Then Herod, when he saw that he had been fooled by the Magi, was very angry and sent and slaughtered all the male children in Bethlehem and the surrounding neighborhood from two years old and under according to the time revealed to him by the Magi.

17. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah, the prophet,

18. "A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMA, LAMENTATION AND BITTER WEeping: RACHEL, MOURNING FOR HER CHILDREN, AND REFUSING TO BE COMFORTED BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT".

(The return of the Holy Family from Egypt)

19. But after Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in Egypt in a dream,

20. Saying, Rouse up and take the Young child and His mother and journey back to the land of Israel for those who sought the Young child's life are dead.

21. And he awoke and took the Young child and his mother and journeyed back to the land of Israel.

22. But because he heard that Archelaus was ruling in the place of his father, Herod, he was afraid to go there; and because he was warned in a dream, he withdrew to the region of Galilee.

23. And he went and made his home in a town called Nazareth; so the saying of the prophet was fulfilled,

"HE SHALL BE CALLED A NAZARITE"

CHAPTER 3

(THE Temptation of The Christ)

1. In those days John, the Baptist, appeared in the wilderness of Judea preaching and saying,

2. Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.

3. This is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS
PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS
STRAIGHT".

4. Now this same John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist and his food was locusts and wild honey.

5. Then all in Jerusalem, and Judea, and all the region surrounding the Jordan River went out to hear him.

6. And they were baptized of him in the Jordan as they, one by one, continued to confess their sins.

7. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them: You off-spring of snakes, who warned you to escape from the wrath to come?

8. Bring forth now deeds consistent with your pretended repentance.

9. And take not for granted by saying within yourselves, We have Abraham as our father; for I say to you, God is able to raise up children to Abraham out of these stones.

10. Even now the axe is laid at the root of the trees; therefore, every tree that fails to bring forth good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11. I baptize you in water picturing your intention to repent; but He who is coming after me is mightier than me, whose shoes I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire.

12. His pitch-fork is in His hand and He will thoroughly clean His threshing floor and assemble His wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with fire that can never be put out.

(The Baptism of The Christ)

13. Then Jesus also came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

14. But John attempted to prevent Him, saying I need to be baptized by you. Why, then, do you come to me?

15. But Jesus answered him, Yield to Me in this matter now, for in so doing we both fulfill all righteousness. Then he yielded to Him.

16. And when Jesus was baptized, He came up out of the water immediately, and behold the

Heavens were opened, and John saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

17. And behold a voice from Heaven, saying, This is My Beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased.

CHAPTER 4

(The Temptation of The Christ)

1. Then was Jesus lead up by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the Devil.

2. And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was very hungry.

3. Then the Tempter came to Him and said, If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.

4. But He answered, It is written: Man shall not live by bread only, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

5. Then the Devil took Him up to the Holy City and set Him on the highest ledge of the Temple,

6. And said to Him, If you are the Son of God cast yourself down, for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee and on their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest Thou stub Thy foot upon a stone.

7. Jesus said to him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord, Thy God.

8. Again, the Devil took Him to the top of a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the Glory of them.

9. And he said to Him, All these things will I give you if you will fall down and worship me.

10. Then said Jesus to him, Depart from me, Satan, for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord Thy God, and Him only shalt Thou serve.

11. Then the Devil left Him and behold the angels came and cared for Him.

(The Christ begins His public ministry)

12. When He heard that John had been arrested He went back to Galilee.

13. And leaving Nazareth, He went back to live in Capernaum by the sea coast near the boundary of Zabulan and Naphthalim,

14. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, saying,

15. "THE LAND OF ZABULAN, AND THE LAND OF NAPHTHALIM, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND JORDAN IN GALILEE OF THE GENTILES,

16. "THE PEOPLE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT, AND UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN THE REGION AND SHADOW OF DEATH, LIGHT HAS ARISEN".

17. From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

(The Christ calls Peter and Andrew)

18. As He was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter and Andrew, his brother, casting out their net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

19. And He said to them, Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20. And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

(The Christ calls James and John)

21. And walking forward from that place, He saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother, in a boat with Zebedee, their father, mending their nets, and He called them.

22. And they immediately left their boat and their father and followed Him.

23. And He walked about all Galilee teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing all infirmities and all diseases among the people.

24. And His fame spread into all Syria and they brought to Him all that were sick of divers diseases and torments, and those who were possessed with demons and were mentally sick, and the paralyzed, and He healed them.

25. And there followed Him great crowds from Galilee and Decapolis, and Jerusalem, and the Jordan, and from all Judea beyond Jordan.

CHAPTER 5

(The Sermon on the Mount)

1. And seeing the crowds, He went up into the mountain, and when He had sat down, His disciples came to Him,

2. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying,

3. Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven;

4. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted;

5. Blessed are the humble, for they shall inherit the earth;

6. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled

7. Blessed are the compassionate, for they shall obtain mercy.

8. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9. Blessed are those who make peace, for they shall be called the children of God.

10. Blessed are they who ^{have} been persecuted on account of their righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

11. Blessed are you when they shall reproach you and persecute you and shall say every wicked word against you falsely on account of Me.

12. Rejoice and be overwhelmed with joy, for great is your reward in Heaven; for thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13. You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has become tasteless, with what shall it be salted? It is no longer fit for use but must be cast out and trampled upon by men.

14. You are the light of the world; a city situated upon a mountain cannot be hid.

15. Nor, do they light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket, but rather upon a lampstand; and it shines for all in the house.

16. Thus let your light shine before men so they may see your good works and may glorify your Father Who is in Heaven.

(Relationship between Christ and the Law)

17. Do not suppose that I am come to abolish the Law or the prophets. I am not come to

bring in the ~~Law~~ ^{accomplish the Law} for the ~~scribes~~ ^{scribes},
abolish but to ~~complete~~ ^{fulfill} the Law. ~~of the scribes~~

18. For truly I say to you until Heaven and earth shall pass away, one dot over an "i" or one crossing of a "t" shall in no way pass from the Law until it is all fulfilled.

19. Whoever, then, shall break the least one of these commandments and teaches others to do so, shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven, but whoever practices them and teaches the commandments shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

20. For I say to you unless your righteousness shall exceed that of the scribes and pharisees, you shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

21. You have heard that it was said to the people of old time, Thou shalt not commit murder, but whosoever murders shall be subject to trial,

22. But I say to you that whosoever becomes enraged at his brother without a just cause shall be in danger of trial; and whosoever shall say to his brother, RACA, shall be in danger of the Sanhedrin; but whosoever shall say, "You stupid moron", shall be in danger of the Lake of Fire.

23. If therefore, while you are offering your gift upon the altar, you remember that your brother has something against you,

24. Leave your gift there and go away; first find your brother and be reconciled to him, then return to offer your gift.

25. Be well disposed toward your opponent while you are on the road to court with him lest he deliver you to the Judge and the Judge deliver you to the jailor and you be thrust into prison.

26. Truly I say to you, you shall not come out of that jail until you have paid your last penny.

27. You have heard that it was said to the people in old times, Thou shalt not commit adultery,

28. But I say to you that whosoever looks upon a woman with lustful intentions has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29. If therefore your right eye becomes a snare to you, tear it out and cast it from you for you are better off with only one eye than that your whole body should be cast into Hell.

30. And if your right hand proves a snare to you, cut it off and cast it from you, for it is better for you that one hand perish than that your whole body should be cast into Hell.

(The Christ speaks upon Divorce)

31. It has also been said, whosoever shall divorce his wife, let him give her a certificate showing cause of divorcement.

32. But I say to you that whosoever shall divorce his wife except for the cause of fornication, forces her ~~to commit~~ adultery, and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery.

33. Again you have heard that it was said to people in old times, Thou shalt not commit perjury, but shall perform unto the Lord thine oaths.

34. But I say to you, do not use oaths in your speech at all: swear not by Heaven, for it is God's throne.

35. Nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; neither by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.

36. Neither swear by your head because you can not make one hair of it white or black.

37. But let your manner of speech be a plain "yes" or a plain "no". Anything beyond this is inspired of the Evil One.

38. You have heard that it has been said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,

39. But I say to you, Do not withstand evil but whosoever will strike you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40. If any one desires to go to law with you to take away your coat; let him have your overcoat also.

41. And whosoever would compel you to go a mile with him, go with him two.

42. If any man begs of you, give to him, and do not turn away him that would borrow of you.

43. You have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy,

44. But I say to you, Love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them hate you, and pray for them that persecute you,

45. So that you may be sons of your Father which is in Heaven: for He makes the sun to shine upon the evil and upon the good and sends rain both upon the just and the unjust.

46. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not also the tax-gatherers the same?

47. And if you exchange greetings with your brethren only, what do you more than others? Do not the tax-gatherers the same?

48. You ^{should} ~~shall~~ therefor be ^{spiritually mature} ~~perfect~~ even as your Father which is in Heaven is ^{completely mature} ~~perfect~~.

CHAPTER 6

(Sermon on the mount-continued)
 (Outward form and ceremony condemned)

1. Beware that you do not your good-deeds before men to be seen by them: otherwise you have no reward of your Father Who is in Heaven.

2. Therefore, when you do your good-deeds, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the street, in order that men may praise them. Truly I say to you, they have their reward.

3. But when you do your good-works, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

4. So that your good-deeds may be done in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly.

5. And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so men can see them. Truly I say to you, they have their reward.

6. But you, when you pray, enter into your secret chamber and when you have closed the door pray to the Father Who is in secret, and your Father Who sees in secret shall reward you openly.

7. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do; for they think they will be heard because they use a lot of words.

8. Be not therefore like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

9. Fashion your prayers using this as a model:

(The Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Sanctified be
your Name.

10. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on
earth as it is in Heaven.

11. Our needed bread give us this day.

12. And forgive us our faults as we forgive
those who transgress against us;

13. And lead us not into Temptation, but de-
liver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom
and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen!

14. For, if you forgive men their offenses,
your Heavenly Father will also forgive you;

15. But, if you forgive not men their offenses
neither will your Father forgive your offenses.

16. And when you fast, be not of a down-cast
countenance as the hypocrites; for they dis-
figure their faces so that men will see they
are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their
reward.

17. But you, when you are fasting, anoint your
head and wash your face,

18. So that you do not appear to men to be
fasting, but to your Father Who is in secret;
and your Father Who sees what is in secret, will
reward you openly.

(What Jesus has to say about riches)

19. Store not up treasures on earth where
moths and rust spoil them, and where thieves
dig thru and steal;

20. But store up for yourselves treasures in
Heaven where neither moths nor rust spoils, and
where thieves do not dig thru and steal,

21. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22. The lamp of the body is the eye: if therefore your eye be behold only good, your whole body will be full of light,

23. But if your eye ~~is~~ ^{are} full of lewdness, your whole body shall be full of darkness; if therefore your light is all darkness, how great ~~is~~ that darkness.~~is~~

24. No one is able to serve two lords, for either he will hate one and love the other; or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and material wealth.

(The cure for anxiety)

25. For that reason I say to you, be not over anxious about your life so as to worry about what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; not as to your body what you shall wear. Are there not more important things in life than food and clothing?

26. Look at the birds of the Heavens: they sow not, nor do they reap; neither do they gather into barns, and your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth more than they?

27. Which of you by becoming over-anxious can add anything to the length of his life?

28. And why do you worry about clothing? Observe the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not labor nor spin;

29. But I say to you that not even Solomon in all his dignity was ever clothed like one of these.

30. And if God so clothe the grass of the field which is alive today, but tomorrow withers and dies, will He not also clothe you, O you of little faith?

31. Do not therefore be over-anxious saying, What shall we eat? Or, what shall we drink? Or where shall we find clothing?

32. For the heathen nations greedily search after all these things. God, your Heavenly Father, knows you need all these things.

33. Rather, seek first God's will and His standard of righteousness and He will add all these things unto you.

34. Therefore, do not worry yourself sick ~~for~~ about tomorrows needs, for tomorrow's needs will take care of themselves. Sufficient unto the day is the trouble of that day.

CHAPTER 7

(The Sermon on the Mount-con't.)
(What Jesus has to say about judging others)

1. Do not criticise; to do so will bring criticism upon yourself,

2. For with exactly the same measure you use on others, they will use upon you.

3. And why keep looking at the straw in your brother's eye, but fail to see the scantling in your own eye?

4. Or, how can you say to your brother, permit me to remove the straw from your eye, when all the while there is a scantling in your own eye?

5. You hypocrite! first remove ^{the scantling} from your own eye; then you'll have clear vision to remove the straw from your brother's eye.

6. Do not give that which is holy to the dogs; neither cast your pearls before the swine, for they would merely trample upon them and turn and slash you.

(We should pray)

7. Continue to ask and it shall be given you continue to seek and you shall find; continue to knock and it shall be opened to you.

8. For everyone that continues to ask, receives; and everyone that continues to seek, shall find; and everyone that continues to knock will find the door opened to him.

9. What man among you, if his son should ask for bread, would give him a stone?

10. Or, if his son should ask for a fish, would give him a serpent?

11. If you therefore, in spite of your evil ways, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give good things to them that continue to ask of Him.

(The Golden Rule)

12. All things whatsoever, therefore, that you desire men should do to you, do you also unto them, for this is the summary of the Law and the prophets.

(The Cross-roads of Life)

13. Enter in thru the narrow gate, for the wide gate has a broad road that leads to eternal destruction, and many there are who enter in thru it;

14. For the narrow gate has a hard road, but it leads out into eternal life and there are but few who find it.

(Beware of false teachers: here is the test)

15. And beware of false teachers who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are greedy wolves.

16. By their fruits you shall know them. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles?

17. So, every good tree produces good fruit, but the corrupt tree produces bad fruit.

18. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.

19. Every tree not producing good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire.

20. Wherefore, by their fruits you shall know them

(The futility of profession without possession)

21. Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but only those who actually do the will of My Father, Who is in Heaven.

22. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophecy thru Thy name, and thru Thy name cast out demons, and thru Thy name perform miracles?

23. And then will I acknowledge publicly, Depart from Me all you whose works are lawless—I never knew you!

(The two foundations upon which men build their lives)

24. Everyone therefore whosoever he may be that hears My words and does them, I will liken him to the wise man who built his house upon the rock.

25. The rains descended and the floods came and the wind blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall for it was founded upon the rock.

26. And everyone who hears My words and does not do them shall be likened to the foolish man who built his house upon the sand;

27. And the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house and it fell with a mighty crash.

28. And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these words the crowds were astonished at His teachings,

29. For He taught them as One having authority and not as did the Scribes.

CHAPTER 8

(Jesus heals a man with leprosy)

1. When He had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed Him.

2. And behold, a leper came and fell prostrate before Him saying, Lord, if you are willing, you are able to cleanse me.

3. And Jesus stretched forth His hand and touched him, saying, I am willing: be cleansed! and immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4. And Jesus said to him, See that you tell no one but go and show yourself to the priests and offer to them the gift which Moses commanded for a testimony.

(Jesus heals the Centurion's servant-boy)

5. And after He had entered into Capernaum, He was met by a Centurion who earnestly entreated Him,

6. Saying, Lord, my servant-boy is at home bed-ridden with paralysis and he is suffering terribly

7. And Jesus said to him, I will come and heal him.

8. And the Centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof; but speak a word only and my servant-boy shall be healed.

9. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me, and I say to this one: Go — and he goes; and to another: Come — and he comes; and to my slave, Do this — and he does it.

10. When Jesus heard this, He was astonished and said, to those following Him: Truly I say to you I have never found faith as great as this — not even in all Israel.

11. But I say to you that many shall come from the East and from the West and shall recline at the table with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven,

12. But the sons of the Kingdom shall be thrust out into outer darkness; there shall be lamentation and anguish of soul.

13. And Jesus said to the Centurion, You may go. It will be just as you have believed. And his servant-boy was healed in that hour.

(Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law)

14. And when Jesus came into Peter's house He saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed sick and in fever.

15. And He touched her hand and the fever left her and she arose and waited upon tables for them.

16. When evening came they brought to Him many possessed with demons, and by a word He cast the demons out and healed all that were sick.

17. So that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah, the prophet, saying, "Himself

"HIMSELF TOOK ALL OUR INFIRMITIES AND BORE ALL OUR DISEASES"

18. When Jesus saw great crowds around Him, He commanded to depart to the other side of the lake.

(Every disciple of Jesus is tested)

19. And a scribe came to Him and said, Teacher I will follow you wherever you may go.

20. And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes and the birds of Heaven have nests, but the Son of Man has no certain place to lay His head.

21. And another of His disciples said to Him, Lord, permit me first to go bury my father.

22. But Jesus said to him, Follow Me and leave the dead to bury their own dead.

(Jesus rebukes the waves and stills the storm)

23. And when He had entered into a ship, His disciples followed Him;

24. And behold there arose a great wind-storm in the sea so that the ship was covered by the waves, but He was sleeping.

25. And the disciples came to Him in alarm and awoke Him, saying, Lord, save us! We are about to lose our lives!

26. And He said to them, Why are you so fearful, O you of little faith? Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there came a great calm.

27. The men greatly admired, saying, What sort

of a man is this that even the winds and the sea obey Him!

(Jesus casts out demons)

28. And when He had come to the other side of the lake to the country of the Gaderanes, there met Him two possessed with demons who came out of the tombs and were very violent so that no man could pass by that way.

29. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What is there in common between us, Jesus, Son of God? Have you come here to vex us before the set time?

30 Now there was not far from that place a herd of swine feeding;

31 And the demons entreated Him, saying, If you cast us out, permit us to go aside into that herd of swine.

32. And He said, Go. And when they were gone out, they went aside into the herd of swine, and behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea and perished in the waters.

33. Those who kept them fled and having entered into the city, told everything and what had happened to those possessed with demons.

34. And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw Him, they entreated Him that He would depart from their borders.

CHAPTER 9

(Jesus heals a palsied man)

1. And He entered into a ship and crossed to the other side and came to His own city.

2. And, Behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, My child, be of good courage. Your sins have been forgiven;

3. And Behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This is blasphemy.

4. But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said Why do you think evil in your hearts?

5. For which is easier, to say, Your sins are forgiven you; or, to say, Arise and walk?

6. But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins (He said to the man sick of the palsy) Arise, take up your bed and go into your house.

7. And he arose and went away to his own house.

8. When the crowds saw what had happened they were filled with admiration and praised God Who gave such authority to men.

(Jesus calls Matthew)

9. And as Jesus was passing from there, He saw a man, Matthew, sitting at the tax-collector's desk; and He said to him, Follow Me. And he arose and followed Him.

10. And it came to pass that while Jesus reclined at the table in Matthew's house, that Behold, many tax-collectors and sinners came in and reclined with Him and His disciples.

11. And having seen it, the Pharisees said to His disciples, Why does your Teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?

12. But when Jesus heard it, He said to them, They that are in good health need no physician, but they who are ill.

13. But go and learn what this means I desired mercy and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings; for I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

14. Then the disciples of John came near to Him saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast much, but your disciples do not fast?

15. And Jesus said to them, Can the sons of the bridechamber mourn while the Bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the Bridegroom will have been taken away from them, and then they will fast.

(Parable of the Garment and the Bottles)

16. Now no one puts a piece of unbleached cloth on an old garment for it will shrink and tear the hole larger.

17. Nor do they put new wine into old wine-skins, otherwise they will burst and the wine will be poured out and the wine-skins destroyed. Rather, they put new wine into new wine-skins and both are preserved.

[Jesus heals the woman with an issue of blood and raises the daughter of Jairus)

18. As He was speaking these things to them. Behold, there came a ruler and did homage to Him, saying, My daughter has just now died, but come and lay your hands upon her and she shall live.

19. And Jesus arose, and His disciples, and followed him.

20. And Behold, a woman who had had an unnatural flow of blood for twelve years approached Him from behind and touched the border of His garment.

21. For she said within herself, If I can only

touch His garment, I shall be cured.

22. But Jesus turned and saw her and said, Of good courage, Daughter, your faith has cured you. And she was cured from that hour.

23. And when Jesus came into the ruler's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a loud wailing,

24. He said to them, Depart! for the maid is not dead, but is asleep. And they laughed Him scornfully.

25. But when the people had been driven out, He went in and took her by the hand and the little maid arose.

26. And His fame spread thru-out all that country.

Jesus heals two blind men and casts out a demon

27. And as Jesus passed on His way from that place, two blind men followed Him, crying and saying, Have compassion on us, Son of David.

28. And when He had come into the house, the two blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, Do you believe that I am able to do this for you? They said to Him, Yes, Lord.

29. Then He touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

30. And their eyes were opened, and Jesus sternly charged them, saying, See that you let no man know it.

31. But when they had gone out they made Him known in all that land.

32. And as they were going out, Behold, they brought to Him a dumb man possessed of a demon.

33. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spake and the people marvelled saying, It was never seen thus in Israel.

34. But the Pharisees said, He casts out demons by the Prince of Demons.

(Jesus' ministry in Galilee)

35. And Jesus went about thru all the cities and villages teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and ailment among the people.

36. And having seen the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them because they were despondent and discouraged like sheep without a shepherd.

37. Then said He to His disciples, The harvest, indeed, is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

38. Earnestly entreat the Lord of the harvest therefore, that He may send out laborers into His harvest.

CHAPTER 10

(Jesus instructs and sends forth the twelve to preach)

1. And when He had called His twelve disciples, He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and bodily ailment.

2. Now, the names of the twelve Apostles were: Simon, who is called, Peter; and Andrew, his brother; James, the son of Zebedee; and John, his brother;

3. Phillip; and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Matthew, the tax-collector; James, the son of

Alphaeus; and Lebbaeus, who was surnamed Thaddaeus

4. Simon, the canaanite; and Judas Iscariot who also betrayed Him.

5. These twelve Jesus sent forth, having charged them, saying, Do not go off into any way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans do not enter,

6. Rather, go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7. As you go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven draws near.

8. Heal the sick; cleanse the lepers; raise the dead; cast out demons; freely you have received this gift - use it freely.

9. Provide neither gold nor silver nor money in your belts,

10. Nor sack for carrying provisions, nor two coats, nor sandals, nor a staff; for worthy is the workman of his food.

11. And into whatsoever city or village you enter, enquire who is worthy in it, and remain there until you depart.

12. As you enter that house, salute it:

13. And if that house is indeed worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy let your peace return to you.

14. And whosoever will not accept nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

15. Truly I say to you, it shall be more endurable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

16. Behold! I send you forth as sheep among wolves; be therefore cautious as the serpents and harmless as the doves..

17. Be especially cautious about men for they will deliver you to their Sanhedrims, and will scourge you in their synagogues.

18. And you shall be brought before governors and Kings for My sake for a testimony to them and to the nations.

19. But when they betray you, be not anxious about how or what you shall speak, for it shall be given you in that hour what you shall speak.

20. For it is not you who speaks, but the Spirit of the Father Who speaks thru you.

21. Brother will betray brother to death; and the father his child; children will rise up against their parents and will put them to death.

22. And you will be hated by all men on account of My name, but he that endures to the end shall be saved.

23. But when they persecute you in this city flee to another; for truly I say to you, in no wise will you have completed the cities of Israel until the Son of Man is come.

24. The disciple is not superior to his Master and the servant is not superior to his Lord.

25. It is sufficient for the disciple that he become like his Master, and the servant like his Lord. If they have called the Master of the house, Beelzebul, how much more those of His household?

26. You should not fear them, therefore; for nothing is covered that shall not be uncovered, nor hidden that shall not be known.

27. What I say to you in darkness, speak in the light; and what ye hear in the ear, that proclaim upon the housetops.

28. And you should not fear those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul; but you should rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell.

29. Are not two sparrows sold for a half-penny and one of them shall not fall to the ground without your Father?

30. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31. You should not fear, therefore, for you are more valuable than many sparrows.

32. Therefore, everyone who-so-ever that shall confess Me before men, him I will confess also before My Father Who is in Heaven.

33. But who-so-ever shall deny Me before men him will I also deny before My Father Who is in Heaven.

34. Do not conclude that I came to thrust peace upon the earth. I came not to thrust peace but a sword.

35. For I came to divide a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

36. And a man's enemies shall be his own household.

37. He that loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of Me.

38. And he that does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

39. He that lives to serve himself shall be lost; but he that lives to serve Me shall find the abundant life .

40. He that receives you, receives Me; and he that receives Me, receives Him that sent Me.

41. He that receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive the reward of a prophet; and he that receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42. And whosoever gives to one of these little ones a cup of cold water to drink only in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you he shall in no wise lose his reward.

CHAPTER 11

(John, The Baptist, sends his disciples to question Jesus)

1. And it came to pass that when Jesus had finished commanding His Twelve Disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.

2. Now John, having heard in prison of the works of Christ, sent two of his disciples,

3. Saying, Are you the One Who should come, or are we to look for another?

4. And Jesus answered and said, to them, Go and tell John what you hear and see:

5. The blind receive sight; the lame walk; lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear; the dead are raised, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

6. And blessed is he who does not become a hypocrite to Me.

7. But as they departed Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John: What did you go out into the wilderness to behold - a reed shaken by the wind?

8. But what did you go out to see - a man arrayed in soft garments? Behold! those who wear soft garments are in king's houses.

9. But what did you go out to see - a prophet? Yes, I say to you, one more excellent than a prophet.

10. For this is he of whom it has been written,

"BEHOLD! I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE THY FACE WHO SHALL PREPARE THY WAY BEFORE THEE"

11. Truly I say to you there has not risen a greater than John, the Baptist. But he that is one of the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than John is.

12. But from the days of John, the Baptist, until now the Kingdom of Heaven is crowded into by those who seize it eagerly as a prize.

Every man must enter by personal Revelation & Testimony

13. For all the Law and the Prophets prophesied until John,

14. And if you are willing to receive it, he is that Elijah who was prophesied was to come.

15. He that has ears to hear - let him hear.

16. But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like little children sitting in the markets and calling to their companions,

17. And saying, We have played airy music for you upon the flute and you did not dance; we played funeral music for you and you did not weep.

18. For John came neither eating nor drinking and they say, He has a demon.

19. The Son of Man came both eating and drinking and they say, Behold a man who is a glutton, and a man who is given to too much wine - a friend of tax-collectors and sinners. But their contradictory judgments cancel each other.

20. Then began He to reproach the cities in which had taken place most of His miraculous works, because they repented not.

21. Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works which have taken place in you had taken place in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sack-cloth and ashes.

22. But, I say to you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of Judgment than for you.

23. And you, Capernaum which have been exalted to Heaven shall be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had taken place in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

24. But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for Sodom in the day of Judgment than for you.

25. At that time, Jesus prayed and said, I thank you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that you did hide these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes.

26. Yes, Father, for thus it was well-pleasing for you to do so.

27. All things are delivered to me by My Father. And no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does any one know the Father except the Son, and he to whom the Son may will to reveal Him.

(Jesus' call to personal discipleship)

28. Come to Me all you that labor and are heavy laden, I will give you rest.

29. Take upon you My law of servitude, and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest for your soul.

30 For My law of servitude is easy and My service is light.

CHAPTER 12

(Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath)

1. At that time Jesus went thru the planted fields on the Sabbath day and His disciples were hungry; and they began to pick the heads of grain and to eat.

2. But when the Pharisees saw them, they said to Him, Behold, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.

3. But He said to them, Have you not read what David did when he, himself, hungered, and those that were with him?

4. How he entered into the house of God and ate the show-bread which it was not lawful for him to eat nor those with him, but the priests only?

5. Or, have you not read in the Law that on the Sabbaths the priests in the Temple profane the Sabbath and are not guilty?

6. But I say to you a greater than the Temple is here.

7. If you had known the meaning of this Scripture,

"I WILL HAVE MERCY AND NOT SACRIFICE"

You would not have pronounced guilt upon the blameless,

8. For the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.

(The healing of man with a withered hand)

9. And when He departed from that place, He went into their synagogue.

10. And, Behold! there was a man there which had a withered hand. And they asked Him, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?— that they might accuse Him.

11. But He said to them, Which man shall there be of you who shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath will not lay hold of it and lift it out?

12. How much better then is a man than a sheep? Is it not lawful to do good on the Sabbaths?

13. Then He said to the man, Stretch forth your hand; and he stretched it out and it was restored as sound as the other.

14. But the Pharisees went out and held a council against Him how they might kill Him.

(Jesus heals the crowds at the Sea of Tiberias)

15. But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there and great crowds followed Him and He healed them all.

16. And He strictly charged them that they should not publicly make Him known,

17. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah, the prophet, saying,

18. "BEHOLD MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN:
MY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL IS WELL PLEASED:
I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM AND HE SHALL
DECLARE JUDGMENT TO THE NATIONS".

19. "HE SHALL NOT QUARREL NOR CRY ALOUD: NOR
SHALL ANYONE HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS;

20. "AN INJURED REED SHALL HE NOT BREAK AND
A SMOLDERING WICK WILL HE NOT EXTINGUISH UNTIL
HE HAS BROUGHT JUDGMENT FORTH TO VICTORY.

21. "AND IN HIS NAME SHALL THE NATIONS HOPE"

(The demoniac healed)

22. Then there was brought to Him a man
possessed of a demon which was blind and dumb,
and He healed him so that the blind and the
dumb both spoke and saw.

23. And all the people were amazed and said,
Is not this the Son of David?

24. But when the Pharisees heard it, they
said, This man does not cast out demons except
by Beelzebul, the Prince of Demons.

25. But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said,
to them, Every Kingdom divided against itself
is brought to desolation, and every city or
house divided against itself will not stand.

26. And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divid-
ed against himself - how then can his kingdom
stand?

27. And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons,
whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore
they will be your Judges.

28. But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out
the demons, then the Kingdom of God is come
upon you.

29. Or, how is anyone able to enter into the house of a strong man and seize his goods unless he first bind the strong man? Then he can seize his house.

30. He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who gathers not with Me, scatters.

(The Unpardonable Sin)

31. Therefore, I say to you, every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men; but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven men.

32. And whosoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him, but whosoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this age, nor in the age to come.

(We must give an account for every idle word in the day of Judgment)

33. Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt, for the tree is known by its fruit.

34. You progeny of snakes, How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart your mouths speak.

35. A good man, out of the good treasure of his heart, speaks forth good things; and the wicked man, out of the evil treasures of his heart, speaks forth wicked things.

36. But I say to you that every idle word that a man may speak, he must render an account of it in the day of judgment.

37. For by your words you shall be justified and by your words you shall be condemned.

(Jesus foretells His death and Resurrection in the sign of the Prophet Jonah)

38. Then answered some of of the Scribes and Pharisees, saying, Teacher, we would like to see a sign from you.

39. But He answered and said to them, A wicked and an adulterous generation seeks for a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it except the sign of the Prophet Jonah.

40. For even as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, thus shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41. The men of Ninevah shall stand up in the Judgment with this generation and shall condemn it, for they repented at the message of Jonah; and, Behold, a greater than Jonah is here.

42. A Queen of the South shall rise up in the Judgment with this generation and shall condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

(Self-reformation will not save us)

43. But when the Unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he goes thru waterless places seeking rest and does not find it.

44. Then he says, I will return to my house from where I came out; and having returned, he finds it unoccupied, swept, and set in order.

45. Then he goes out and takes seven other spirits more wicked than himself and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Thus it shall be also with this wicked generation.

(Jesus' mother and his brothers seek Him)

46. But while He was yet speaking to the crowds, Behold, His mother and His brothers were standing outside greatly desiring opportunity to speak with Him.

47. Then said one to Him, Behold, your mother and your brothers are standing outside greatly desiring to speak with you.

48. But He answered and said to him, who spoke to Him, Who is My mother? And who are My brothers?

49. And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, Behold My mother and My brothers;

50. For whosoever shall do the will of My Father Who is in Heaven, he is My mother and sister and brother.

CHAPTER 13

(The Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven: The Sower)

1. The same day Jesus went forth from the house and sat down by the sea.

2. And great crowds were gathered together about Him so that He entered into a ship and sat down and all the crowd stood upon the shore.

3. And He spoke many things to them in Parables, saying, Behold a sower went forth to sow,

4. And as he scattered, some seed fell by the wayside and the birds came and devoured them.

5. And some fell upon stony ground where there was not much soil, and it sprang up immediately because the soil was thin.

6. And when the sun had risen it was scorched and soon dried up because it lacked roots.

7. And some fell upon the thorns and the thorns grew up and choked them.

8. And some fell upon the good ground and yielded fruit; some a hundred -fold; some sixty; some thirty.

9. He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

10. And when the disciples had come to him they said, Why do you speak to them in parables?

11. And He answered and said to them, Because it is given to you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given.

12. For whosoever has, to him shall be given and he shall have in abundance; but whosoever has not, even that which he has will be taken from him.

13. Because of this, I speak to them in parables because, seeing, they do not perceive and hearing, they fail to understand.

14. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which says,

"IN HEARING YE SHALL HEAR, AND YET IN NO WISE UNDERSTAND: AND SEEING YE SHALL SEE AND YET IN NO WISE PERCEIVE "

15. "FOR THE HEART OF THESE PEOPLE HAS GROWN FAT: THEIR EARS HAVE BECOME DULL OF HEARING: AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES LEST THEY SHOULD SEE AND THEIR EARS LEST THEY SHOULD HEAR AND UNDERSTAND IN THEIR HEART AND SHOULD BECOME CONVERTED SO I COULD HEAL THEM"

16. But blessed are your eyes for they see; and your ears, for they hear.

17. For truly I say to you that many prophets

and righteous men have desired to look upon what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear and have never heard it.

18. You listen closely, therefore, while I explain the parable of the sower:

19. When anyone hears the Word of the Kingdom and does not understand it, the Ficked one comes and snatches away that which was sown in his heart. This is he who was sown by the wayside.

20. And he who was sown upon stony ground is he who hears the Word and immediately receives it with Joy ;

21. But having no root in himself, he soon withers, for as soon as he is tested or persecuted because of his belief in the Word, immediately he becomes apostate.

22. And he who was sown among thorns is he who hears the Word and the cares of this life and the delusion of material abundance choke the Word so that it becomes fruitless.

23. But he who was sown upon good ground is he who hears the Word and understands and brings forth fruit; some producing a hundred-fold; some sixty; some thirty.

(The mystery of the Tares and the wheat)

24. Another parable He put before them saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man sowing good seed in his field.

25. But while the men slept, his enemy came and sowed wild oats among the wheat and went away.

26. And when the grain had sprouted and produced heads, then appeared also the wild oats.

27. Then the servants came to the Master of the house and said to Him, Did you not sow clean seed in your field? Where did all this wild oats come from?

28. And He said to them, A man who is an enemy has done this. And the servants said to Him, Is it your desire that we should go out and gather them?

29. But He said, No, lest while you are pulling up the wild oats, you will destroy some of the wheat;

30. Let them both grow together until the harvest; and in the Harvest I will say to the Reapers, Gather the wild oats first and bind them into bundles to burn: but gather My Wheat together into My Granary.

(The mystery of the Grain of Mustard seed)

31. Another parable He put before them, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field.

32. Which is indeed one of the smallest of seeds, but when it is grown it becomes one of the largest of herbs, and becomes a tree so that the birds of the heavens come and roost in its branches.

(Mystery of the Leaven hidden in meal)

33. And He spoke another parable to them, The Kingdom of Heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in a bushel of flour until it was all leavened.

34. All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the crowds, and without a parable He did not speak to them;

35. So that it was fulfilled which was spoken

by the prophet saying,

"I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES: I WILL
TUTTER THINGS HIDDEN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE
WORLD".

(The mystery of the wild oats and the wheat
explained)

36. Then, having dismissed the crowds, Jesus
went into the house, and His disciples came to
Him, saying, Explain to us the parable of the
wild oats and the wheat in the field.

37. And He answered and said to them, He who
sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

38. And the field is the world; and good seed
are the children of the Kingdom, but the wild
oats are the children of the Evil one.

39. And the enemy who sowed them is the Devil;
and the Harvest is the end of the age; and the
Servants are the Angels.

40. Therefore, just as the wild oats is gath-
ered and burned in the fire, so it shall be in
the end of this age.

41. The Son of Man shall send forth His Angels
and they shall gather out of His Kingdom all
who are offensive, and those who practice
lawlessness,

42. And they shall throw them into the furnace
of fire: there shall be lamentation and anguish
of soul.

43. Then the righteous shall shine forth as
the sun in the Kingdom of the Father. He that
has ears to hear, let him hear.

(The mystery of the Hid treasure)

44. Again the Kingdom of Heaven is like a

treasure hid in the field, which, when a man found, he hid it again and for very joy went and sold all his possessions and bought that field.

(The mystery of the Pearl of great price)

45. Again the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls;

46. Who, having found one which was very precious, he went his way and sold all his possessions and bought it.

(The mystery of the drag-net)

47. Again the Kingdom of Heaven is like a drag-net cast into the sea which gathers of every kind;

48. Which, when it was filled, was drawn up on the beach and they sat down and collected the good into vessels, but the bad was thrown out.

49. Thus shall it be in the end of this age: the angels shall go out and separate the wicked from among the righteous,

50. And shall throw them into a furnace of fire: there shall be lamentation and anguish of soul.

51. Jesus said to them, Do you understand all these things? They said to Him, Yes, Lord.

52. And He said to them, Every disciple which has become a Scribe in the Kingdom of Heaven is like an householder who brings forth out of his treasures things new and old.

(Jesus is rejected in His home town)

53. And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these parables, He withdrew from there;

54. And when He had come into His own country He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, Where did this man get this wisdom and this mighty power?

55. Is not He the son of the carpenter? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers are they not James and Joses and Simon and Judae

56. And His sisters, are they not all with us? From where then did this man get all these things?

57. And they were offended in Him. But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor except in His own country and in his own house.

58. And He was not able to do many miracles there because of their unbelief.

CHAPTER 14

(The murder of John, the Baptist)

1. At that time Herod, the Tetrarch, heard of the fame of Jesus,

2. And said to his servants, This is John, the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; because of this, supernatural power energizes him.

3. For Herod, having seized John, bound him and committed him to prison in order to please Ferodias, his brother, Phillip's, wife.

4. For John had said to him, It is not lawful for you to have her as your wife.

5. And Herod was wishing that he might be able to execute John, but he feared the people because they held him to be prophet.

6. But when Ferod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Ferodias danced before his

guests and pleased Herod.

7. For that cause he promised with an oath to give her whatever she should ask.

8. But she, being urged by her mother, said, Give me here upon a slab the head of John, the Baptist.

9. And the King was sorry, but on account of the oath made before his guests, he commanded it to be brought.

10. And he sent and beheaded John in prison.

11. And his head was brought upon a slab and given to the maiden and she brought it to her mother.

12. And the disciples of John came and took up his body and buried it; then they came and told Jesus.

13. And when Jesus heard it, He departed by boat to a desert region where He could be alone. And when the people had heard He had left, they followed Him on foot out of all the cities.

14. And as Jesus was leaving there, He saw a great company of people and was moved with compassion toward them and healed those that were sick.

(Jesus feeds the five thousand)

15. And when evening came His disciples came to Him saying, This is a desolate place and the hour is now getting late; dismiss the people so they can go into the village and buy meat for themselves.

16. But Jesus said to them, They need not depart; you give them to eat.

17. But they said to Him, We have nothing here except five loaves and two fishes.

18. And He said to them, Bring them here to Me.

19. And He commanded the people to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to Heaven, He blessed them and broke them and gave them to His disciples, and His disciples gave them to the people.

20. And they all ate and were satisfied; and they took up that which was left over of the fragments, twelve baskets full.

21. And those who ate were in number about five thousand men, besides women and children.

(Jesus walks upon the water)

22. And immediately Jesus ordered His disciples to enter into the boat and go before Him to the other side while He dismissed the people.

23. And when He had dismissed the people He went up into the mountain to pray. When night came He was there alone.

24. But the boat was now in the midst of the sea tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

25. But in the wee hours of the morning, Jesus went to them walking on the sea.

26. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a Ghost; and they cried out for fear.

27. But Jesus immediately spoke to them, saying, Be of good courage! It is I; be not afraid.

28. And Peter answered and said, Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come to Thee upon the water.

29. And He said, Come! And Peter came down from the ship and walked toward Jesus upon the water.

30. But seeing the strong wind, he was afraid, and began to sink, crying, Lord, save me.

31. Immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand and took hold of him and said, to him, Why did you doubt, O you of little faith?

32. And when they had returned into the ship the wind ceased.

33. And those in the ship came and worshipped Him, saying, Truly, you are the Son of God!

34. And when they had passed over to the other side, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

35. And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent to all the countryside and brought to Him all who were ill,

36. And they begged Him to let them but touch the border of His garment; and as many as touched Him were healed.

CHAPTER 15

(Jesus rebukes the Scribes and Pharisees)

1. Then some of the Scribes and Pharisees of Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying,

2. Why do your disciples walk contrary to the traditionary law of our forefathers, for they do not wash their hands when they eat bread?

3. But He answered them by saying, Why do you also walk contrary to the commandments for the sake of the traditionary law of your forefathers?

4. For God commanded, saying, Honor Thy father and Thy mother: and he that speaks evil of his father or mother, let him most surely be put to death.

5. But you say, Whosoever shall say to his father or mother, Everything of mine that might be profitable to you, I have dedicated to God's use,

6. And so, refuses to acknowledge any obligation at all to help his parents, has voided the commandment of God for the sake of your forefather's tradition.

7. You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you saying,

8. "THIS PEOPLE DRAWS NEAR TO ME WITH THEIR MOUTH, AND HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME

9. "BUT THEY WORSHIP ME IN VAIN WHO TEACH FOR DOCTRINE THE RELIGIOUS PRECEPTS OF MEN"

10. And He called the people to Him and said, Hear and understand;

11. It is not that which enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but that which goes forth out of the mouth; this defiles the man.

12. Then His disciples came to Him and said, Do you not know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard your words?

13. But He answered and said, Every plant which has not been planted by My Father shall be plucked up by the roots.

14. Leave them to themselves! They are blind guides to the blind; and if the blind be guide to the blind, both will fall into a pit.

15. And Peter answered Him and said, Explain this proverb to us.

16. But Jesus said, Are you still without understanding also?

17. Have you not yet observed that everything which enters into the mouth goes into the stomach and is cast forth as waste?

18. But the things which issue forth from the mouth which comes forth out of the heart - these defile the man.

19. For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witnessing, blasphemies.

20. These things are they which defile the man, but eating without washing the hands does not defile the man.

(Jesus heals the daughter of the Syrophenician woman)

21. And Jesus went forth from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

22. And, Behold, a woman of Canaan came forth from that region and cried to Him, saying, Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David. My daughter is miserably possessed of a demon.

23. But He did not answer her a word; and His disciples came to Him and asked Him, saying, Let her at liberty for she cries after us.

24. But He answered and said, I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25. But she came and flung herself prostrate at His feet, saying, Lord, help me!

26. But He answered and said, It is not honest to take the bread of the children and throw it to the puppy-dog.

27. But she said, Yes, Lord, yet even the

puppy-dogs eat the crumbs which fall from the table of their masters.

28. Then Jesus answered her, saying, Oh, woman, exceedingly great is your faith! Be it to you as you desire; and her daughter was healed from that hour.

(Jesus heals the Multitudes)

29. And Jesus departed from that place and came toward the Sea of Galilee; and having gone up into a mountain, He sat down there.

30. And there came great crowds to Him having with them many who were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others. These they laid down at the feet of Jesus and He healed them,

31. So that the crowds were astonished when they saw the dumb speaking, the maimed sound, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

(Jesus feed the four thousand)

32. But Jesus called the disciples to Him and said, I am moved with compassion toward these crowds because they have continued already with Me for three days, and are without food. I am not willing to send them away hungry lest they faint on the road.

33. And His disciples said to Him, From what source could we find food enough in this desert place to satisfy so great a crowd?

34. And Jesus said to them, How many loaves have you? And they answered, Seven, and a few small fishes.

35. And He commanded the people to recline upon the ground;

36. And He took the seven loaves and the

fishes and gave thanks and broke the bread and gave to His disciples and the disciples gave to the people.

37. And they all ate and were satisfied; and they took up that which was over and above of the fragments, seven baskets full;

38. And they who ate were four thousand men besides women and children.

39. And when He had sent the people away, He entered into a ship and came to the borders of Magdala.

CHAPTER 16

(Jesus rebukes the Pharisees)

1. And the Pharisees and Sadducees came to Him to tempt Him by asking of Him a sign from Heaven.

2. But He answered and said to them, When evening comes and the sky is red, you say It will be good weather!

3. And in the morning you say, It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening. You hypocrites! you do indeed understand the face of the sky, but you cannot understand the signs of the times.

4. A wicked and an adulterous generations seeks after a sign and no sign shall be given it except the sign of Jonah, the prophet; And He left them and went away.

5. And when they had arrived at the other side the disciples remembered that they had forgotten to take bread with them.

(Jesus gives the meaning of leaven in the Scriptures)

6. And Jesus said to them, Take a lesson from this and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

7. And they began to discuss this matter among themselves saying, It is because we forgot to bring bread.

8. And Jesus, knowing this, said to them, Why do you discuss privately, O you of little Faith because you forgot to bring bread with you?

9. Do you not yet understand, nor remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you took up?

10. Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many basketfuls you took up?

11. How does it come about that you do not yet understand that I just now spoke not concerning bread, that you should beware the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees?

12. Then they understood that He bade them not to beware of the leaven of bread, but the leavening action of the teachings of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

(Peter first makes the Good Confession)

13. When Jesus had come into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I, the Son of Man am?

14. And they answered, Some, John the Baptist others, Elijah; and others still, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

15. He said to them, But whom do you say that I am?

16. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God!

17. And Jesus answered him and said, Blessed are you Simon, son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in Heaven,

18. And I also say to you that your name is Peter - a name which means, a boulder - and upon the rock of this confession as a great foundation stone I will build My church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.

19. And I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.

20. Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

(Jesus foretells His death and resurrection)

21. From that moment Jesus began to show to His disciples that it was necessary for Him to go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests, and Scribes, and be killed and be resurrected the third day.

22. And Peter took Him and began to rebuke Him, saying, May God be merciful to you, Lord: this shall never happen to you..

23. But He turned and said to Peter, Get behind Me, Satan; you are offensive to Me; for you look at things from man's point of view rather than God's.

24. Then Jesus said to His disciples, If any man will follow after Me, let him surrender his own will and take upon himself his cross of service to Me.

25. For whosoever desires to live for this present life, shall lose it; but whosoever would lose this present life for My sake, shall find it.

26. For what benefit is it to a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what would a man give to buy back his lost soul?

27. For the Son of Man is about to come in the Glory of His Father with His angels; and then He will render to each according to his ~~doing~~.deeds

28. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste of death until they have seen the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom.

CHAPTER 17

(The transfiguration of Jesus)

1. And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, his brother, and brought them up into a high mountain apart.

2. And He was transformed before them, and His face shone as the sun, and His garments became white as the light.

3. And, Behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with Him.

4. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here. If it is your will let us make here three shelters: one for you; one for Moses and one for Elijah.

5. While he was yet speaking, Behold, a bright cloud over-shadowed them, and Lo a voice out of the cloud saying,

"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I HAVE FOUND DELIGHT: HEAR YE HIM"

6. And when the disciples heard it, they fell upon their faces and were greatly terrified.

7. And Jesus came to them and touched them and said, Rise up and be not terrified;

8. And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one save Jesus alone.

9. And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded, saying, Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man is risen from among the dead.

10. And His disciples asked Him, saying, Why then do the Scribes say that Elijah must come first?

11. And Jesus answered them and said, Elijah does indeed come first and shall restore all things.

12. But I say to you that Elijah has already come and they did not recognize him, but have done with him whatever they desired. In the same way the Son of Man is about to suffer from them.

13. Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them concerning John the Baptist.

(The powerless disciples contrasted with the Mighty Christ)

14. And when they arrived at the place where crowds were gathered together, a man came to Him kneeling down to Him,

15. And saying, Lord, Have mercy upon my son for he is lunatic and suffering miserably; for often times he falls into the fire, and often into the water.

16. And I brought him to your disciples and they were not able to heal him.

17. And Jesus answered and said, Oh faithless and contrary generation! How long shall I re-

main with you? How much longer must I bear with you? Bring him to Me!

18. And Jesus rebuked the demon and he went out from him, and the boy was healed from that hour.

19. Then, when the disciples had come to Jesus in private, they asked Him, Why were we not able to cast him out?

20. And Jesus said, unto them, Because of your lack of Faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard, you can say to this mountain, Remove from here to yonder; and it shall be removed, and nothing shall be impossible to you.

21. However, this kind cannot be cast out without much prayer and fasting.

(Jesus again foretells His death and resurrection)

22. And while they were passing thru Galilee Jesus said to them, The Son of Man is soon to be delivered into the hands of men,

23. And they will kill Him; and the third day He shall be resurrected again; And they were very greatly grieved.

(The miracle of the Tribute money)

24. And when they had come to Capernaum, those whose business it was to collect tribute came to Peter and said, Does not your Teacher pay tribute?

25. He said, Yes. And when he entered into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, What is your opinion, Simon; of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute money - of their own children, or of foreigners?

26. Peter said to Him, From foreigners. Jesus said to him, Then the children are, indeed, free,

27. But, lest we cause offense to them, you go to the sea and throw in a hook and the first fish you catch, open his mouth and there you will find a coin of money. Take that and pay the tribute for you and for Me.

CHAPTER 18

(The sermon on the child-text)

1. In that same hour the disciples came to Jesus saying, Which one of us is to be greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?

2. And Jesus called a little child unto Him and stood him in their midst,

3. And said, Truly I say to you, unless you do an "about-face", and become as little children, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven;

4. Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, he is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

5. And whosoever shall receive one such little child in My name, receives Me.

6. But whosoever shall lead astray one of these little ones that believe on Me, it would be better for him that the largest millstone were hanged about his neck and he were sunk in the depth of the sea.

7. Woe to the world because of these ~~offen~~ apostacies! These apostacies will of necessity come, yet woe to that man by whom they come!

8. And if your hand or your foot cause you

to become apostate, cut them off and cast them from you: it is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed rather than having two hands or feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

9. And if your eye causes you to become apostate, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the fire of Hell.

10. See that you do not scorn one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in Heaven do always behold My Father's face who is in Heaven.

(The seeking Lord)

11. For the Son of Man is come to save that which has been lost.

12. What think you? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them strays away, does he not leave the ninety and nine on the mountain and go to seek the one which has strayed away?

13. And if he be fortunate enough to find it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than the ninety and nine which have not gone astray.

14. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

(Discipline in the church)

15. And if your brother shall sin against you, go and rebuke him between you and he alone. If he will hear you, you have won your brother;

16. But if he will not hear you, take with you one or two others besides yourself that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

17. But if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to hear the church, let him be to you as a heathen or a tax-collector.

18. Truly I say to you, whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.

19. Again, I say to you that if two of you shall agree on earth concerning any matter whatsoever they may ask, it shall be done by My Father Who is in Heaven.

20. For where two or three are met together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.

(The law of forgiveness)

21. Then Peter came to Him and said, Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him - until seven times?

22. Jesus said to him, I say not until seven times only, but until seventy times seven.

23. In this respect the Kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a man who is a king who rendered accounts with his bond-servants.

24. And when he began to add up accounts there was brought to him one debtor who owed him ten thousand talents - a sum equal to ten million dollars.

25. But since the man had no means to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, together with his wife and children, as well as all his personal property so that some payment should be made.

26. The bond-servant fell down before him and kissed his feet saying, Lord, have long patience with me and I will repay all to you.

27. And the lord of that bond-servant was moved with compassion and released him and forgave him the whole loan.

28. But that bond-servant went out and found a fellow bond-servant of his who owed him for a hundred days labor; and he seized him by the throat saying, Pay me what you owe me!

29. And his fellow bond-servant fell down at his feet and implored him, saying, Have long patience with me and I will repay it all.

30. And he would not, but went and cast him into prison until he should pay what he owed.

31. But when his fellow bondmen saw what was done, they were very sorry and went and told their lord all that had taken place.

32. Then his lord called that bond-servant and said, You wicked bond-servant! Did I not forgive you all that great debt when you begged for time?

33. Should you not show pity to your fellow bondman as I have pitied you?

34. And his lord was angry and delivered him to the torture till he should pay all that was due.

35. So also My Heavenly Father will do to you unless you, from your heart, forgive every man his brother.

CHAPTER 19

(Jesus again speaks on divorce)

1. And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these words, He departed from Galilee and came to the border of Judea beyond the Jordan.

2. And great crowds followed Him, and He healed them there.

3. And some of the Pharisees came to Him to try Him and saying, to Him, Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?

4. And He answered and said to them, Have you never read that He Who made them from the beginning made them male and female,

5. And said,

"FOR THIS CAUSE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED UNTO HIS WIFE AND THESE TWO SHALL BE ONE FLESH"

6. So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.

7. They said to Him, Why then did Moses command to give a written divorce and to put her away?

8. He answered them, Moses, because of your utter lack of spiritual understanding turned aside from the original intent and permitted you to put away your wives; but from the beginning it was not so.

9. I say to you that whosoever shall divorce his wife for any cause save sexual unfaithfulness and shall marry another, commits adultery; and he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

10. His disciples said to Him, Suppose a man is no longer capable of sexual relations with his wife; marriage to him would not be worth while.

11. But He said to them, This saying is not intended for all, but only for those for whom it was intended.

12. For there were eunuchs who were so born from their mother's womb; and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men; and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake. He who is able to receive this saying, let him receive it.

(Jesus blesses the little children)

13. Then little children were brought to Him that He might lay His hands upon them and pray; but the disciples forbid them.

14. But Jesus said, Let the little children come to Me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

15. And when He had laid His hands upon them, He departed from that place.

(The rich young ruler)

16. And Behold, a certain man came and said to Him, Good Teacher, what good shall I do that I may have eternal life?

17. And Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me "good"? There is no one "good" except God. But if you have determined to enter into life, keep the commandments.

18. He said to Jesus, Which particular commands do you mean? And Jesus answered,

"THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY: THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT MURDER: THOU SHALT NOT STEAL: THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS;

19. "HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER: AND THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF"

20. The young man said to Him, All these I have kept since I was a youth; what lack I yet?

21. Jesus said to him, If you are determined

to be absolutely perfect, go and sell your property and give the money to the poor, and come and follow Me, and you shall have treasure in Heaven.

22. But when the young man heard those words, he went away greatly distressed for he had much possessions.

23. And Jesus said to His disciples, Truly, I say to you, it will be very difficult for a man with wealth to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

24. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to be squeezed thru the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God.

25. When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, Who then is able to be saved?

26. But Jesus looked upon them and said, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

(The Apostles place in the future Kingdom)

27. Then Peter answered Him and said, Behold we left all things and followed you: what will be our reward?

28. And Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you that you who have followed Me, in the Messianic Restoration, when the Son of Man shall sit upon the throne of His Glory, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29. And everyone who has given up houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake

shall receive an hundred-fold, and shall inherit eternal life.

30. But many that are first now, shall be last then; and many that are last now, shall be first then.

CHAPTER 20

(Parable of the laborers in the vineyard)

1. For the Kingdom of Heaven is like to a man as a master of a house, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

2. And when he had agreed together with the laborers for fifteen cents a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3. And he went out about nine o'clock and saw other laborers standing idle in the market place

4. And he said to them, You go also into the vineyard and whatsoever is right, I will pay you; and they went.

5. Again he went out at noon; and at three o'clock in the afternoon he did likewise.

6. About five o'clock he went out and found others standing idle and said, to them, Why do you stand here idle all day?

7. They said to him, Because no one has hired us. He said to them, You go also into the vineyard and whatever is right you will receive.

8. And when evening came, the lord of the vineyard said to his foreman, Call the laborers and pay them their wages beginning from the last unto the first.

9. And when they came which had been hired about five o'clock, they received every man fifteen cents.

10. But those who were hired first, when they came supposed that they should receive more, and they also received every man his fifteen cents.

11. And when they received it, they began to grumble against the master of the house,

12. Saying, These last have worked only one hour and you have paid them the same as us who have borne the burden and heat of the day.

13. But he answered one of them and said, Friend, I do not wrong you. Did we not agree together for fifteen cents?

14. Take your wages and go. But, I have decided to give the last the same wages as the first.

15. Is it not in my power to do as I please with my own? Are you not covetous of that which does not belong to you because I am generous?

16. Thus, you see how it is possible for the last now to be the first then; and the first now to be the last then. For many have been called into my vineyard but only a few have been especially favored.

Jesus again foretells His death and resurrection)

17. And Jesus, while enroute to Jerusalem, took the Twelve Apostles aside in the way and said to them,

18. Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man shall be surrendered to the chief priests and to the Scribes and they shall sentence Him to death.

19. And they shall hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify; and the third day He will be resurrected from the dead.

(The ambitious request of James and John)

20. Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Him with her sons and bowed low before Him and asked a favor of Him.

21. And He said to her, That is your desire? She answered Him, Grant that these, my two sons may sit, one on your right hand, and the other on your left in your Kingdom.

22. But Jesus answered and said, You do not realize what you are asking for. Are you prepared to drink of the cup that I am about to drink? Are you prepared to be dipped in the bath that I am to be immersed with? They said unto Him, We are prepared!

23. And He said to them, You shall indeed drink of My cup, and be dipped in the bath that I am to be immersed with. But to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it shall go to those for whom it has been prepared by My Father.

24. And when the ten disciples heard this they had indignation against the two brothers.

25. But Jesus called them to Him and said, You are aware that the rulers of the nations exercise lordship over them and they that are mighty exercise authority upon them.

26. But that is not the way it is to be among you, however. Father, which ever among you would be mighty, let him be your servant.

27. And whosoever would become first among you must become your bond-servant.

28. Even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

(The healing of the two blind men)

29. And as they were passing forth from Jericho, a great crowd followed Him.

30. And Behold, two blind men who were sitting by the wayside, heard that Jesus was passing by and they cried out, saying, Oh, Lord, Thou son of David, have mercy upon us!

31. But the people forbid them that they should be silent. But they cried out the more saying, Oh, Lord, Thou son of David, have mercy upon us!

32. And Jesus stopped, and called them to Him and said, What do you wish Me to do for you?

33. They said unto Him, Lord, may we have our blinded eyes opened?

34. And Jesus was moved with compassion and touched their eyes and immediately their eyes received sight and they followed Him.

CHAPTER 21

(Jesus offers Himself publicly as King)

1. And when they arrived near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage upon the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples.

2. Saying to them, Go into the village that is yonder, and immediately you will find an ass tied and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me.

3. And if anyone says anything to you, you say, The Lord has need of them and immediately he will send them.

4. But all this happened to fulfill that which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5. "BRING THIS WORD TO THE DAUGHTERS OF ZION,
BEHOLD! THY KING COMETH TO YOU, SEEKING
UPON AN ASS, AND A COLT, THE FOAL OF AN ASS"

6. And the disciples went and did as Jesus
bid them.

7. And they brought the ass and the colt and
put their garments upon them and He seated Him-
self upon them.

8. And the greater part of the crowd spread
their garments on the road; others cut down
branches from trees and strewed them in the way.

9. And the crowd going before and those follow-
ing behind Him cried loudly, saying, Adoration
to the Son of David; Blessed is He that cometh
in the name of the Lord; adore Him all ye from
now on high.

10. And as He entered into Jerusalem, the
whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?"

11. And the people said, This is Jesus the
prophet who is from Nazareth of Galilee.

(Jesus cleanses the Temple)

12. And Jesus entered into the Temple of God
and drove out all them that were buying and
selling there, and over-turned the tables of
the bankers, and the seats of those selling
doves.

13. And He said to them, It has been written
"MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF
PRAYER", -but you have turned it into a resort
for robbers.

14. And the blind and the lame came to Him
in the Temple and He healed them.

15. But when the chief priests and the Scribes
saw the miracles which He performed, and the

children shouting in the Temple and saying, Adoration to the son of David! They were greatly indignant,

16. And said to Him, Do you not hear what these children say? And Jesus said to them, Yes I hear - but have you never read,

"OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES AND SUCKINGS
HAST THOU PERFECTED PRAISE"?

17. And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany and abode there that night.

(Jesus curses the barren fig-tree)

18. Now early the following morning as He was returning to the city, He was hungry;

19. And when He saw a fig tree by the roadside, He came up to it but found nothing upon it except leaves only. And He said to it, Let there be no more fruit upon you forever! And immediately the fig tree began to wither.

20. And when the disciples saw this, they marvelled, saying, How quickly the fig tree is withering!

21. Jesus answered and said to them, Truly I say to you, if you have faith unmixed with doubt, you shall not do this which is done to the fig tree, but you can say to this mountain, Be removed! and cast into the sea, and it shall be done!

22. And all things whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, you shall receive if you have such faith.

(The Priests question Jesus' authority)

23. And when He had come into the Temple, as He was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him and said, From what source do you get authority to do these things?

things? Who gave you this authority?

24. And Jesus answered and said to them, I will also ask you a question and if you can answer it, I likewise will tell you by whose authority I do these things:

25. From which place did the Baptism of John come - Heaven, or of men? And they mused upon this, saying to themselves: If we shall say, From Heaven, He will say to us, Why, then, did you not believe him?

26. But if we shall say, From men, we fear the people for all of them cling to the belief that John is a prophet.

27. And they answered Jesus and said, We cannot answer for certain. And He said unto them Neither do I tell you by whose authority I do these things.

(The parable of the two sons)

28. But what is your opinion of this: A man had two children, and he came to the first and said, My child, go and work today in my vineyard.

29. He answered his father and said, I would rather not go today; but afterward he changed his mind and went.

30. And the father came to the second and said likewise, and he answered his father, I am willing, my lord; but he went not.

31. Which of these two did the will of his father? They answered Him, The first. Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you that the tax-collectors and the harlots go into the Kingdom of God ahead of you.

32. For John came to you in the way of Righteousness and you refused to believe him, but the tax-collectors and the harlots believed him.

You saw this, but were not willing to change your mind afterward that you might believe him.

(Parable of the Householder demanding fruit from his vineyard)

33. Harken to another comparison. There was a certain man who was the master of an house, who planted a vineyard and set a hedge about it and dug a wine-press in it, and built a tower and placed the vineyard in charge of husbandmen and went into a far country.

34. And when the season of fruit drew near, he sent his bond-servants to the husbandmen to receive the fruits of it.

35. And the husbandmen took his bond-servants and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

36. Again he sent other bond-servants more than the first and they treated them in the same manner.

37. At last he sent his son to them, saying, Surely they will have respect for my son.

38. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir: come, let us kill him and take possession of his inheritance.

39. And they laid violent hands upon him and threw him out of the vineyard and put him to death.

40. When the Lord of that vineyard comes, therefore, what will he do to those husbandmen?

41. They say unto Him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men and place the vineyard in charge of other husbandmen which will yield him the fruits in their season.

42. Jesus said to them, Did you never read in the Scriptures, "The stone which the builders rejected is become the headstone of the corner; this is from the Lord and it is a thing to be wondered at in our eyes?" (Laps)

43. Because this is true, the Kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation which will yield the fruits of it.

44. And he who falls upon this stone shall be broken completely: but on whosoever it shall fall, it shall grind him to powder.

Priests

45. And when the Chief and Pharisees heard His comparisons, they were aware that He spoke about them.

46. And they would have laid hands upon Him but they feared the people because they held Him to be a prophet.

CHAPTER 22

.. (Parable of the Marriage Feast)

1. And Jesus answered and spake to them again by comparisons, saying,

2. The Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain King which made a wedding feast for His son.

3. And sent His bond-servants to call them that had been invited to the wedding feast; and they would not come.

4. Again he sent forth other bond-servants saying, Bring this word to those that are invited; Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my veal calves are killed, and all things are ready: come to the wedding feast.

5. But they were indifferent and went their ways; one to his farm, and another to his whosale house:

6. And the others laid hold of his bond-servants and outraged them shamefully so that some of them died.

7. But when the king heard of this, he was furious, and he sent out his army and put those murderers to death and burned up their city.

8. Then he said to his bond-servants, The wedding feast is indeed ready, but they who were invited were not worthy.

9. Go out to the cross-roads of the highways and as many as you shall find, invite to the wedding feast.

10. And those bond-servants went out into the highways and gathered as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding feast became filled with guests.

11. And when the king came in to view the guests he saw there a man who had not on a wedding feast garment;

12. And he said to him, Friend, how did you get in here without being dressed in a wedding feast garment? But the man was speechless.

13. Then said the king to the bond-servants, Bind him hand and foot and take him away and throw him outside into the darkness; there shall be lamentation and anguish of soul.

14. For many are invited, but only a few are divinely elected.

(Jesus answers the Herodians)

15. Then the Pharisees went and held a council as to how they might best ensnare Him in His words.

16. And they sent their disciples unto Him

together with the Herodians, saying, Teacher, we know you are true, and teach the way of God in truth; and that you care not for the person of any one; for you do not regard the persons of men.

17. Tell us, therefore, what you think: Is it lawful to pay tribute money to Caesar or not?

18. But Jesus understood their wicked designs and answered, Why do you make trial of me, you hypocrites?

19. Let me see a piece of the tribute money. And when they handed him a denarion,

20. He asked them, Whose image is this, and whose name is written on this coin?

21. They said to him, Caesar's. He said, Then render, therefore, unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and to God the things of God.

22. And when they heard this, they were amazed and left him and went away.

(Jesus answers the Sadducees)

23. On that same day Sadducees came to him who say there is no resurrection, and they questioned him,

24. Saying, Teacher, Moses said that if a man should die having no children, his brother shall take his wife and raise up children to his brother.

25. Now there were seven brothers with us, and the first, when he had married, died without children, and left his wife to his brother

26. The second brother died in the same manner; also the third unto the seventh.

27. And last of all the woman died also.

28. Therefore, in the resurrection which one of the seven brothers will she be wife to since they all had her?

29. And Jesus answered and said to them, You have wandered from the way of truth because you do not know the Scriptures, nor the power of God.

30. For in the Resurrection, they neither marry nor are they given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in Heaven.

31. And in-so-far as the resurrection of the dead is concerned, have you failed to read that which is spoken to you by God, saying,

32. I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living.

33. Now when the crowds heard this they were greatly astonished at His teaching.

(Jesus answers the lawyer)

34. But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,

35. And one of them who was a Doctor of the Law questioned Him, intending to try Him, saying

36. Teacher, which specific commandment of the Law is the greatest?

37. And Jesus answered him, Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind.

38. This is the first and greatest of all commandments.

39. And the second greatest is very much

like it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

40. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

(Jesus, Himself, asks questions)

41. Then Jesus began to question the Pharisees who were assembled together, saying,

42. What is your opinion of the Christ - Whose Son is He? They answered Him, The son of David.

43. He said to them, If that is true, why does David in the Spirit call Him Lord, saying,

44. "THE LORD SAID UNTO MY LORD, SET THOU ON MY RIGHT HAND TILL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES THY FOOTSTOOL?"

45. If David calls Him Lord - how can He be David's son?

46. And not a one of them was able to answer Him so much as a word. After that day none of them had courage to ask Him any more questions.

CHAPTER 23

(Distinguishing marks of a Pharisee)

1. Then Jesus spake to the crowds and to the disciples,

2. Saying, The Scribes and the Pharisees have sat down in Moses seat;

3. All things therefore what soever they command to keep, that you must keep and do; but do not follow their example: for they lay down the law, but they do not keep it.

4. For they bind up grievous ceremonial burdens heavy and hard to bear and lay them upon men's shoulders; but do not move a finger to help men to bear them.

5. Rather, all their works they do for a show. They make their Phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments;

6. And desire the most prominent seats at the feasts and in the synagogues;

7. And they dearly love to be saluted in the market place by men who call out, Rabbi! Rabbi!

8. But do not you assume the title of Rabbi! for one is your Teacher - The Christ; and all of you are brethern.

9. And call no man upon the earth your spiritual father, for One is your Spiritual Father - even He Who is in Heaven.

10. Neither call yourselves spiritual guides for One is your Spiritual guide, even Christ.

11. But he that is greatest of you all shall be he that is your humble servant.

12. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled, but he that humbles himself shall be exalted.

(Jesus pronounces woe upon the Pharisees)

13. But alas for you Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! for you lock the doors of the Kingdom of Heaven against men: for you not only refuse to enter yourselves, but you prevent those who would enter to go in.

14. Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! for you slyly steal widows houses then make long hypocritical prayers: therefore you shall receive greater damnation.

15. A curse upon you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! for you make a complete circuit of land and sea to make one convert, and when you have converted him, ^{you make him} two-fold more a child of Hell than yourselves.

16. Alas for you, you blind guides which say Whosoever shall swear by the Temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple he is duty-bound.

17. You blinded fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the Temple which makes the gold sacred?

18 And, whosoever shall swear by the altar; it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gift upon the altar is duty-bound -

19. You are blinded fools: for which is greater, the gift, or the altar which sanctifies that gift?

20. Therefore, he that shall swear by the altar swears by it and everything upon it.

21 And he that swears by the Temple swears by it and by Him Who dwells in it.

22. And he that swears by Heaven swears by the throne of God and by Him Who sits upon that throne.

23. Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! for you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, but have set aside the far more important matters of the Law such as Judgment, Mercy, and Faith. These you ought by all means to have done - of course the tithing out not to be omitted..

24. You are but blind guides who strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

25. A curse upon you, Scribes and Pharisees,

you hypocrites! for you cleanse the outside of the cup and saucer, but the inside is full of robbery and lack of self-restraint.

27. Alas for you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! for you are like white-washed graves which indeed appear beautiful for a time outwardly, but within are full of the bones of the dead and all impurity.

28. In the same way you outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and transgression of the law.

29. Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! because you build the sepulchres of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous,

30. And say, If we had lived in the days of our fathers we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

31. In so saying you admit that you are the children of them which killed the prophets.

32. Continue then; fill up to the brim the cup of your father's guilt.

33. You snakes in the grass! You brood of poisonous adders! How can you possibly escape the damnation of Hell?

34. Because you are like this, I am going to send prophets, and wise-men, and scribes unto you; some of them you shall kill and crucify; some of them you shall scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,

35. So that upon you will come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth from the blood of righteous Abel, to the blood of Zacharias, the son of Barachias, whom you slew between the holy sanctuary and the altar of sacrifice.

36. Truly I say to you all these things shall come upon this nation.

(Jesus laments over Jerusalem)

37. O, Jerusalem! Jerusalem! you that kill the prophets and stones those who have been sent to you - How often would I have gathered your children together like a hen gathers together her brood under her wings, and you absolutely refused!

38. Behold, your house is left to you desolate!

39. For I say to you, you shall not see Me hereafter until you say, Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord!

CHAPTER 24

The Olivet Discourse: The three-fold question)

1. And Jesus went forth out of the Temple and while He was walking along His disciples came to Him to show Him the buildings of the Temple.

2. But Jesus said to them, Do you see all these? Truly I say to you there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

3. And as He was sitting upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately and said, Tell us when shall these things be? What shall be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?

(Characteristics of Gentile world history)

4. And Jesus answered and said to them, Beware that no man leads you astray,

5. For many shall come in My name saying, I

am the Christ; and shall deceive many.

6. And when you begin to hear about wars and rumors of wars, take heed that these things do not frighten you, for it is necessary for these things to come to pass, but the end is not yet come.

7. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines and plagues and earthquakes in various places.

8. All these are but the beginning of the earth's agonies.

9. Then they will cast you into prison to be persecuted, and shall kill you: and you shall be hated by all the nations because you bear the name of christian.

10. And then many will become apostate and shall betray one another and hate one another.

11. And many false prophets shall arise and will mislead many.

12. And because of the great abundance of lawlessness, the love of many shall become cold.

13. But he that continues patiently to the very last shall be saved.

14. And the Gospel of the Kingdom shall be proclaimed in all the inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations; then shall the final end come.

(The earth's great Tribulation)

15. When therefore you shall see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet standing in the Holy Place (He who reads, let him understand),

16. Then let all those in Judea flee to the mountains;

17. Let him on the top of the house not come down to take anything out of the house;

18. And let him that is in the field not return back to get his coat.

19. But alas for those who are heavy with child, and those that nurse babies in those days!

20. And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the sabbath:

21. For then there shall be great Tribulation such as there has never been from the beginning of the world until now-- no nor ever shall be again.

22. And if those days should not be shortened there should be no flesh survive: but for the sake of the chosen people those days shall be shortened.

23. Then, if anyone say to you, Behold, here is Christ, or there: believe it not.

24. For there shall arise false Christ's and false prophets and will offer great signs and wonders as proof, insomuch that if it were possible they would lead the chosen people themselves astray.

25. Behold! I have forewarned you.

(The return of Christ in Glory)

26. If therefore they say to you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: or, Behold, He is in the place of secrecy - believe it not.

27. For as the lightning proceeds forth from the East and flashes unto the West; so shall

also the coming of the Son of Man be:

28. For wherever you find a carcass, there you will find the buzzards gathered together.

29. Immediately after the Tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall be eclipsed, and the stars shall fall from Heaven and the Mighty ones of the upper atmosphere shall be tossed aside.

30. And then shall appear the wonder of the Son of Man in the midst of Heaven; and then shall all the tribes scattered abroad upon the earth mourn, when they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of Heaven with Almighty power and great Glory.

31. And He shall send forth His angels with the great sound of a trumpet and they shall gather together his chosen people from the four winds, from one end of the Heavens to the other.

(Watch Israel: she is God's time-clock)

32. Now take a lesson from the fig tree: when its branches become tender and the leaf-buds appear, you know that summer is near.

33. Just so it is with you when you shall see all these things, know that My coming is near even at the very doors.

34. Truly I say to you, this age shall in no wise come to a close until all these things have taken place.

35. Heaven and earth may pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

36. But the exact time of that day or hour no man knows - no not the angels of Heaven, but My Father only.

37. But as it was in the days of Noah so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

38. For just as in the days of Noah that were before the Flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,

39. But continued in their ignorance until the Flood came and swept them all away, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

40. Then, two shall be working in the field: one shall be taken, and the other left.

41. Two shall be grinding at the mill: one shall be taken and the other left.

42. Keep a careful watch, therefore, for you do not know in what hour your Lord will come.

43. But understand this: if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have been on guard and not allowed his house to be broken into.

44. In the same way you should always be prepared, for in such a time as you least expect the Son of Man may come.

45. Who, then, is the faithful and wise bond-servant who, when his Lord comes, will find so doing.

46. Truly I say to you that He will put him in charge over all His property.

47. But, if that wicked bond-servant shall say in his heart, My Lord will not return for a long time -

48. And so he begins to wound his fellow bondmen, and to eat and to drink with the drunkards,

49. The Lord of that bondman will return at a time when he least expects, and in an hour of which he is not aware,

50. And will cut him to pieces and shall appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be great lamentation and anguish of soul.

CHAPTER 25

(Parable of the Wise And Foolish Virgins)

1. The Kingdom of Heaven then will be like ten virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the Bridegroom;

2. And five of them were wise and five were foolish.

3. The five that were foolish took their lamps but took no oil with them.

4. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps .

5. But when the Bridegroom delayed His coming for a very long time they all became drowsy and slept.

6. And at midnight there came the cry, Behold the Bridegroom is coming. Go out to meet Him.

7. Then all the virgins arose and trimmed the wicks of their lamps.

8. And the foolish said to the wise, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.

9. But the wise answered the foolish, saying, There might not be enough for both of us. You go rather to them that sell and buy for yourselves.

10. And while they were gone forth to buy, the Bridegroom came, and they that were ready went in with Him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut.

11. Later the other virgins came also saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12. But He answered and said, Truly I say to you, I never knew you.

13. Be vigilant, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man comes.

(The parable of the Talents)

14. For it will be as if a man were leaving the country and called his bond-servants and delivered up to them his property;

15. And to one he gave \$5000; to another \$2000; and to another \$1000; to each according to his respective ability; and immediately left the country.

16. Then he who had received the \$5000 went and traded with it and made \$5000 more.

17. And in the same manner he also that had received \$2000 gained \$2000 more.

18. But he who had received but \$1000 went and dug in the earth and hid his Lord's money.

19. But after a long time the Lord of those bond-servants came and asked for an accounting.

20. And he who had received \$5000 came and brought \$5000 more saying, Lord, you delivered \$5000 to me; behold, I have gained beside that \$5000 more.

21. And his Lord said to him, You have done well my good and faithful servant. Since you

have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things; enter into the pleasant things of your Lord.

22. He also that had received two thousand came and said, Lord, you delivered \$2000 to me; Behold, I have gained \$2000 besides them.

23. His Lord said to him, You have done well my good and faithful bond-servant. Since you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the pleasant things of your Lord.

24. And when he also came who had received \$1000, he said, Lord, I knew you to be a skin-flint reaping where you have never sown and gathering where you have never scattered seed.

25. And I was afraid so I went and hid your \$1000 in the earth. Behold, here is your money.

26. His Lord answered and said to him, You malicious and indolent bond-servant; you knew that I reap where I do not sow, and gather where I have not scattered seed!

27. Ought you not therefore to have put my money to the bankers where it would draw interest so that when I came I should have received my own with increase?

28. Take the \$1000 from him therefore and give it to him that had \$5000;

29. For everyone that properly uses what he has will find it increased even to over-flowing; but he that hides what little he has will find even that little taken away from him.

30. And throw this unworthy bond-servant into the darkness outside; there shall be lamentation and anguish of soul.

(The Judgment of the Nations when Jesus returns)

31. When the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the holy angels with Him; then He shall sit upon the throne of His Glory,

32. And all nations shall be gathered before Him; and He shall separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from his goats.

33. And He shall stand the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on His left.

34. Then the Kings shall say to them on His right hand, Come, you who are accounted worthy of blessing by My Father; inherit the Kingdom which has been in preparation for you since the foundation of the earth was laid.

35. For I was hungry and you gave Me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you offered Me hospitality;

36. I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to help Me.

37. Then shall the Just nations answer Him saying, Lord, when did we see you hungry and fed you? or thirsty and gave you drink?

38. When did we see you a stranger and housed you? Or when saw we your nakedness and clothed you?

39. When did we see you sick, or in prison and came to help you?

40. And the King shall answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these, My Brethern, you did it to Me.

41. Then shall He say also to those on His left, Depart from Me you who are eternally damned, into the eternal fire which has been

prepared for the Devil and his angels;

42. For I was hungry and you did not feed Me; I was thirsty and you did not give Me drink; I was a stranger and you did not give Me shelter;

43. I was naked and you did not give me clothes; I was sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.

44. Then shall they also answer Him saying, Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or sick, or in prison, and did not perform these needed services to you?

45. Then will He answer them saying, Truly I say to you in as much as you did it not to one of the least of these, My Brethren, you did it not to Me.

46. And these shall depart into everlasting torment, but the Just Nations into life eternal.

CHAPTER 26

(The Scribes and Pharisees conspire to put Jesus to death)

1. And it came to pass when Jesus had finished all these instructions, He said to His disciples,

2. You know that after two days comes the Passover and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

3. Then the chief Priests and the Scribes and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the High Priest who was called Caiaphas.

4. And they counselled together how they might best take Jesus by deceit and kill Him.

5. But they said, It must not be done during

the Feast lest a riot break out among the people

(Jesus Anointed by Mary of Bethany)

6. Now while Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon, the Leper,

7. There came to Him a woman having an alabaster vase of very costly myrrh and poured it on His head as He reclined at the dining table.

8. But when His disciples saw it, they became indignant, saying, What is the idea of this waste?

9. For this expensive myrrh might have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.

10. But Jesus understood the woman's purpose and said to them, Why do you continue to weary the woman? For she has ministered a good work toward Me.

11. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have Me with you.

12. For in pouring this myrrh upon My head she has anointed My body for the burial.

13. Truly I say to you wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached in the whole world this beautiful thing which this woman has done shall be spoken of as a memorial of her.

(Judas Iscariot sells the Lord)

14. Then one of the Twelve called Judas Iscariot went to the Chief Priests,

15. And said, What are you willing to give me if I should decide to deliver Him to you? And they established the amount at thirty pieces of silver.

16. And from that moment he sought opportunity to betray Him.

(Jesus prepares for the Passover)

17. Now the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus saying, Where do you desire that we should prepare for you to eat the Passover?

18. And He said, Go into the city to so and so and say to him, The Teacher says, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.

19. And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they made ready the passover.

(Jesus' last Passover)

20. And when evening came He reclined at the supper table with the Twelve;

21. And as they were eating He said, Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me.

22. And they were terribly grief stricken and began, each of them, to say, Lord, am I the one?

23. But He answered and said, The one that dips his hand with Me in the bowl, he will betray Me.

24. The Son of Man goes, indeed, as it has been written of Him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better if that man had not been born.

25. Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, Rabbi, am I the one? Jesus said to him, You are the one.!

(Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper)

26. And as they continued eating Jesus took bread and blessed it and broke it and gave portions of it to the disciples and said, Take this and eat it. It is My body.

27. And He took the cup and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, All of you drink of it;

28. For this is My blood of the New Testament which is poured out for many for the remission of sins.

29. But I say to you I will no more drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I will drink of it anew with you in My Father's Kingdom.

(Jesus prophesies Peter's denial)

30. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

31. Then Jesus said to them, You are all going to stumble and fall because of Me this night, for it has been written,

"I WILL SMITE THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK SHALL BE SCATTERED ABROAD"

32. But after I am resurrected, I will return to Galilee before you can get there.

33. But Peter answered and said to Him, Even though all the others stumble and fall because of you, I will never do such a thing.

34. Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you that during this night and before the cock crows you will three times deny Me.

35. Peter said to Him, Even though it is necessary to die with you I will not in any way deny you; and all the disciples said the same thing.

(Jesus' agony in the Garden)

36. Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane and He said to the disciples,

Sit down here while I go yonder and pray.

37. And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be terribly distressed in soul.

38. Then said He to them, My soul is mightily and exceedingly distressed, even to the point of death; stay here and watch with me.

39. And He walked forward a little and fell upon His face in prayer saying, O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me: never-the-less not as I want, but as you wish.

40. And He returned to the disciples and found them asleep and said to Peter, So you were not even able to watch with Me one hour!

41. Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation. The Spirit, indeed, is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42. Again a second time He went away and prayed, saying, Oh, My Father, if this cup cannot pass from Me except I drink of it; Thy will be done.

43. And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

44. And He left them and went away again and prayed the third time saying the same thing.

45. Then He returned to His disciples and said, to them, Still sound asleep and resting peacefully! Behold the hour has drawn near th the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.

46. Arouse yourselves and get up, for we must go. Behold! he is at hand that has betrayed Me.

(The betrayal and arrest of Jesus)

47. And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the Twelve, came with him a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the Chief Priests and elders of the people.

48. Now he who was betraying Jesus gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss is He; grab Him and hold Him fast!

49. And immediately he came up to Jesus and said, Joy be to you, Rabbi! and he kissed Him affectionately.

50. But Jesus said to him, Friend, what did you come here for? Then they came and laid hands upon Jesus and held Him fast.

51. And behold one of those with Jesus stretched forth his hand and drew out his sword and struck a servant of the High Priest and cut off his ear.

52. Then Jesus said to him, Put your sword back in his place; for all they that take up the sword shall perish by the sword.

53. Do you not realize that I am able now to call upon My Father and He would present to me more than twelve legions of angels?

54. But if I should do so, how could the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must be this way?

55. In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, Why have you come out to take Me with swords and clubs as if you had to take a robber? I sat daily with you teaching in the Temple and you laid no hands upon Me.

56. But all this has come to pass that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled away.

(Jesus brought before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin)

57. And they that had laid hold upon Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the High Priest, where the Scribes and elders were gathered together.

58. But Peter followed Him from a great distance to the High Priest's court, and went in and sat with the officers to see the end.

59. Now the chief priests and the elders and the whole Sanhedrin inquired for false witnesses against Jesus so that they might have Him put to death.

60. And they found none, even though many false witnesses came forward, yet they found none to agree.

61. At last two false witnesses came forward and said, This man said, I am able to destroy the Temple of God and build it again in three days.

62. And the High Priest arose and said, Have you no answer? What have you to say in answer to these who witness against you?

63. But Jesus kept silent; and the High Priest answered and said to Him, I charge you under oath by the living God that you tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God!

64. Jesus said to him, It is as you say; but more than that I say to you: someday you will see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of Power and coming in the clouds of Heaven.

65. Then the High Priest tore his clothing, saying, He has blasphemed! What further need have we for witnesses? Behold, now you have heard His blasphemy!

66. What is your opinion in this matter? They answered and said, He is deserving of death.

67. Then they spit in His face and struck Him with their fists; and others slapped Him with an open hand,

68. Saying, Prophecy to us, you Christ, who is he that ~~slapped~~
~~struck~~ you?

(Peter denies his Lord)

69. Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard and a maid came to him and said, You were with Jesus of Galilee also were you not?

70. But he denied before them all saying, I do not even know what you are talking about!

71. And he arose and went out to the entrance gate where another maid saw him and said to them that were there, This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth.

72. And again he denied with an oath: I do not even know the man!

73. And after a short time they that stood by came and said to Peter, Surely you are one of them for your very speech betrays you.

74. Then he began to invoke curses upon them and to swear with an oath saying, I do not know this man; and immediately the cock ~~crowed~~ crowed.

75. And Peter recalled the word of Jesus Who said to him, Before the cock crows you will deny Me three times. And He went out and wept bitter

CHAPTER 27

(The Sanhedrin delivers Jesus to Pilate)

1. When morning was come, all the Chief Priest and elders of the people took council against Jesus to put Him to death.

2. And they placed Him in bonds and led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate, the Governor.

(Judas repents too late)

3. Then Judas who had betrayed Him, when he saw that Jesus was condemned, became remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the Chief Priests and elders,

4. Saying, I have sinned in betraying innocent blood. But they said: What is that to us? See to that yourself.

5. And he threw the pieces of silver upon the Temple floor and went out and hanged himself.

6. And the chief priests took up the pieces of silver and said, It is not lawful to put them into the treasury since they are the price of blood.

7. So, after a consultation, they bought with them the field of the potter to use as a graveyard for strangers.

8. For that reason that potters field is called, "The field of Blood" to this day.

9. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet saying,

"AND THEY TOOK THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER THE PRICE OF HIM THAT WAS VALUED FROM THEM OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL OLD VALUE,

10. AND GAVE THEM FOR THE FIELD OF THE POTTER AS THE LORD APPOINTED ME."

(Jesus questioned by Pilate)

11. And Jesus stood before the Governor and the Governor asked Him, saying, Are you the King of the Jews? And Jesus said to him, I am.

12. And when He was accused by the Chief Priests and the elders He answered nothing.

13. Then Pilate said to Him, Do you not hear all these accusations which they bring against you?

14. And Jesus did not so much as answer him, even one word so that the Governor wondered exceedingly.

(Will you choose Jesus or Barabbas?)

15. Now at the Feast the Governor was accustomed to release to the people a prisoner whoever they wished.

16. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Bar-Abbas.

17. Since they were assembled together therefore, Pilate said to them, Whom do you desire that I should release unto you - Bar-Abbas or Jesus which is called the Christ?

18. For he was aware that it was envy that caused them to commit Him to the court.

19. But as he was sitting upon the Judgment seat, his wife sent him a message, saying, Have nothing to do with that Just man for I have had agonizing dreams because of Him.

20. But the Chief Priests and the elders persuaded the people that they should ask for Bar-Abbas and destroy Jesus.

21. And the Governor answered and said to them, Which of the two do you wish me to release to you? They said, Bar-Abbas.

22. Pilate said to them, What shall I do then with Jesus who is called the Christ? They all said to him, Let Him be crucified!

23. And the Governor said, But what evil has He done? But they only cried out the more, saying, Let Him be crucified!

24. And when Pilate saw that nothing could be gained, but rather a riot would soon be made, he took water and washed his hands before the people saying, I am innocent of the blood of this Righteous Person: you must see to it.

25. And all the people answered and said, His blood be on us and on our children.

26. Then Pilate released Bar-Abbas to them but after scourging Jesus, he delivered Him over to them that He might be crucified.

(Jesus crowned with thorns)

27. Then the soldiers of the Governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered about Him the whole squad.

28. And they stripped Him and put upon Him a scarlet cloak;

29. And when they had woven a crown of thorns they placed it upon His head and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt before Him and mocked Him saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

30. And they spit upon Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

31. And after they had mocked Him, they took the scarlet cloak from Him and put His own clothing back upon Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.

32. And as they were going forth, they saw a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to carry His cross.

(The crucifixion of Jesus)

33. And when they came to a place called Golgotha, a name which means, "The place of the Skull",

34. They gave Him sour wine mixed with an anodyne; and when He had tasted it, He refused to drink.

35. And they crucified Him, and divided His garments among themselves by casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets,

"THEY PARTED MY GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND UPON MY VESTURE DID THEY CAST LOTS."

36. And sitting down they kept guard over Him there.

37. And they nailed over His head this written accusation:

"This is Jesus, The King of the Jews"

38. Then they crucified two thieves with Him one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

39. And they lined up and filed ~~by~~ by Him speaking blasphemy at Him, shaking their heads from side to side,

40. And saying, You who can destroy the Temple and build it again in three days - save yourself. If you are the Son of God, Come down from the cross!

41. In the same manner also the Chief Priests mocked Him, together with the Scribes and elders saying,

42. Others He saved - Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him come down from the cross and we will believe Him.

43. He trusted in God; let God deliver Him now if He takes pleasure in Him; for He said, I am the Son of God.

44. And the thieves also who were crucified with Him, reproved Him with the same things.

(The death of Jesus Christ)

45. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

46. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice saying,

"E! I, E! I, LAMA SABACHTHANI!"
which means, "MY God, MY God! Why have you forsaken Me?"

47. Some of them that were standing, when they heard this cry, said, This man is calling for Elijah.

48. And immediately one of them ran and took a sponge filled with sour wine and an anodyne and put it on a reed and gave Him to drink.

49. But the rest said, Let Him alone. Let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.

50. And when Jesus had cried again with a loud voice, He wielded up the Spirit,

Dismissed

51. And Behold! the veil of the Temple was torn into two parts from top to bottom; and the earth did shake and the rocks were split open.,

52. And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept, arose,

53. And came out of the graves after His resurrection and went into the Holy City and appeared to many.

54. But the Centurion and those who were keeping guard with him over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake, and those things that took place feared greatly saying, Truly this was the Son of God!

55. And there were many women there looking on from a distance who were followers of Jesus from Galilee, for they ministered to Him;

56. Among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

(The burial of Jesus Christ)

57. And when evening came, there came a rich man of Arimathaea named Joseph, who also himself was a disciple of Jesus.

58. He went to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him.

59. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it up in a clean linen cloth,

60. And placed it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and departed.

61. And Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there sitting opposite the tomb.

62. Now on the morrow which was after the preparation, the Chief Priests and the Pharisees gathered together before Pilate,

63. Saying, Sir, we have remembered that that Deceiver said, while He was still living, After three days I will raise again.

64. Command, therefore, that the tomb be closely guarded until the third day, lest His

disciples come by night and steal His body and say to the people: He is risen from the dead; and the last deception shall be worse than the first.

65. Pilate replied to them: You have a guard; so, make the tomb as secure as you can.

66. So they went and made the tomb sure by sealing the stone and setting the guard over it.

CHAPTER 28

(The Resurrection of Jesus Christ)

1. At the close of the Sabbath as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the tomb.

2. And Behold! there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from Heaven and came and rolled the stone away from the door and sat upon it.

3. His appearance was as lightning and his clothing white as snow.

4. And for very dread of him those on guard trembled and dropped upon the ground in a dead faint.

5. But the angel said to the women, You need not fear, for I know that you seek Jesus Who was crucified.

6. He is not here, for He is risen as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord was lying,

7. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and behold He goes before you into Galilee; there you shall see Him

15. I have told you.

8. And when they had gone out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell His disciples.

9. But as they were going to tell His disciples, Behold, Jesus met them, saying, Good-morning! And they came and threw their arms about His feet and worshipped Him.

10. Then Jesus said to them, Do not fear: Go tell My brethren that they go into Galilee and there they shall see Me.

11. Now, as they were going, Behold some of the guard went into the city and reported to the Chief Priests all things which had happened.

12. And when they had assembled together with the elders and had taken council, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

13. Saying, You say that His disciples came at night and stole Him while you were asleep.

14. And if the Governor should hear of this, we will persuade him; you need have no fear on that account..

15. And the soldiers took the money and did as they were taught; and this report is spread abroad among the Jews until this day.

(Jesus gives the Great Commission)

16. But the eleven disciples went into Galilee to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them;

17. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him - but some doubted.

18. And Jesus came and spoke to them saying,

11 Authority has been given to Me in Heaven
12 on earth;

13 . Go ye therefore and make disciples among
14 the nations, baptizing them into the name
15 the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
16 Spirit;

17 20. Teaching them to keep all things whatso-
18 ever I have commanded you; and Behold, I am
19 with you all the days until the very end of
20 the age. Amen!